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SUBJECT: PRC COTTON IMPORTS

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1. HONG KONG HAS SUPPLEMENTED REFTEL WITH FOLLOWING MESSAGE: QUOTE LOCAL COTTON TRADERS NOW ESTIMATE CHINA HAS PURCHASED ABOUT 1.9 MILLION BALES OF COTTON FOR 1977/78 DELIVERY AND EXPECT TOTAL PURCHASES FOR THE YEAR WILL BE IN THE RANGE OF 2.1 TO 2.2 MILLION BALES. THIS FIGURE IS SAID UNCLASSIFIED

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TO BE WITHIN 100,000 BALES OF JAPANESE ESTIMATES. END QUOTE.

2. FAS HAS RESPONDED WITH TOFAS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR TIMELY REPORTING OF SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN ASSESSMENT OF CHINA COTTON PRODUCTION AND IMPORTS IN REF TOFAS. WOULD APPRECIATE PROMPT POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE RESPONSE ON ANY INFORMATION YOU MIGHT HAVE CONCERNING

RECENT INCREASES OR PLANS TO INCREASE CLOTH RATIONS AND TEXTILE EXPORTS. BALE WEIGHTS ON IMPORTS CITED IN REF TOFAS ASSUMED TO BE 480 LBS NET, EVEN THOUGH WE REALIZE TRADE ASSESSMENT OF PRC 1977/78 COTTON IMPORTS IS NOT PRECISE. END QUOTE.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION OR COMMENTS FROM USLO.

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